

ELIASON-KIMBLE HOUSE
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1870)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC ELIASON - KIMBLE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER West side Flatland Road near
Washington Park

(MD 314)

J.K. 2/7/94

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John W. Kimble

Telephone #: 301-778-1875

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 62

Folio #: 633

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kimble House on Flatland Road is a large, frame building which is set back from the road about 1/4 mile, facing east. Directly behind the house are 2 small gable-roofed outbuildings. One, a dairy, in brick and the other is frame. The farm buildings are arranged in a double row behind the house, typifying one of the two common farm plans in the county.*

The house is 5 bays wide and 2 bays deep with a long, 2 story rear ell. The roof is a gable finished with widely overhanging, bracketed cornice and return. The brackets have turned drops and a deep, molded fascia. Chimneys, enclosed in the gables and rising in the middle of the ell, are brick and have corbelled caps. The foundation is also brick. The house is sided in aluminum over weatherboarding; the roof has asphalt shingles over wood. Three dormers protrude from the front of the roof. All have gable roofs with shallow overhangs and returns and segmentally arched 6 over 6 sash but the wide central dormer has 3 over 3 side lights with round arch upper sash and a horse weathervane.

Tall 6 over 6 sash windows in plain frames with louvered shutters are used throughout the main house. The central window on the second floor has flanking 3 over 3 side lights which carry the pattern of central emphasis from the dormer to the wide main entry. This entry has double doors, three-pane sidelights, a six-light transom, and a shallow hood supported by wide brackets. The double doors are unusual; with panels as shown.

All panels are edged with bolection moldings on the outside.

* The other has buildings arranged around a courtyard. Both plans were common from the mid-19th to early 20th centuries.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.W. Eliason

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Typically houses in this area had wide front porches. No evidence is visible to indicate whether this is the case here.

The interior of the main part of the house has changed very little. In the parlour what appears to be original Victorian wall-paper remains in place. It has a bold fleur de lis at the cornice level and simple texture wall. The doors have burl graining on their four raised panels and dark graining elsewhere. Baseboards are **grained** as well. Interior shutters remain in the parlour. Brass door handles remain as do brass door hooks. Flooring is medium yellow pine.

Trim on windows and doors is a Grecian ogee and bevel backband; the same profile is used on the baseboards and window aprons. There are marbelized slate mantles in both downstairs rooms and simple wooden mantles in the upper rooms.

The major stair is open to the attic. It has turned newels and balusters, an elliptical handrail, and decorative step brackets. A secondary stair in the wing is similiar but simpler.

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Eliason-Kimble House

view to west

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Kent County

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